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Mr. James W. van Loben Sels, Director CALTRANS, 1120 N Street Sacramento, California 95814

Attention:

Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500

for Mr. Garland Hagen

Dear Mr. van Loben Sels:

SUBJECT:

1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP AMENDMENT NUMBER 3

We have completed our review of Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) Amendment Number 3 that was submitted with your letter dated April 1, 1997. This amendment addresses minor program modifications for four projects in Madera County, part of the rural non-MPO area of the State.

This letter constitutes the joint FHWA/FTA approval and inclusion of Amendment No. 3 into California's 1996/97 - 1998/99 FSTIP. We find that this amendment was developed based on a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with 23 USC 134 and Section 5303 of the Federal Transit Act (49 USC 53). The projects programmed by this amendment are exempt from the requirement that a conformity determination be performed [40 CFR §93.134].

This approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding approval for individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements.

Sincerely yours,

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